

Page 2 of 2REMARKS***I. Schiffer and Jonsson Are Not Prior Art***

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-4, 9-15, 18, 20-21, 24-25 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Schiffer (U.S. Patent No. 6,871,063).

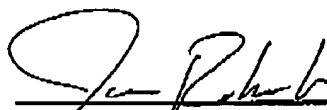
Applicants further respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 5-8, 16-17, 19, 22-23, and 26-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Schiffer in view of Jonsson et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0036350).

The present application claims priority from U.S. Patent Application 09/094,600, now U.S. Patent No. 6,484,027, filed on June 15, 1998. Schiffer has a filing date of June 30, 2000 and does not claim an earlier priority date. Jonsson et al. has a filing date of December 18, 2000 and does not claim an earlier priority date. Because the present application has a priority date earlier than both Schiffer and Jonsson et al., the rejections are improper and should be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

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